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# Premier Kim Il Sung's Political Program Enjoys Support of World's Revolutionary People

**The foreign press continues to introduce the 10-point Political Programme of the DPRK Government, "Let Us Embody More Thoroughly the Revolutionary Spirit of Independence, Self-Sustenance and Self-Defence in All Fields of State Activity" announced on Dec. 16 last year by Premier Kim Il Sung, the founder of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, at the First Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly.**

**Commenting on and printing excerpts from the Political Programme, foreign newspapers unanimously support the Political Programme for its justness and great vitality and highly praise Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, as one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working-class movement.**

## Cuba

The Jan. 12 issue of "Granma," organ of the Cuban Communist Party, introduced on one whole page the Political Programme of the Government of the DPRK announced by Premier Kim Il Sung.

The paper wrote that the Political Programme clarified the tasks confronting the Korean people at present in the political, economic, military and other domains and introduced in detail the 10-point Political Programme point by point.

It laid particular stress on the words of Premier Kim Il Sung that **"All the socialist countries and the anti-imperialist forces of the whole world should form the broadest possible anti-U.S. united front, thoroughly isolate U.S. imperialism and administer collective blows to it in all regions and on all fronts to which U.S. imperialism stretches its tentacles of aggression"** and that **"The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people will resolutely fight against the imperialist forces of aggression headed by U.S. imperialism, and will continue to wage a stubborn struggle to drive the U.S. imperialist aggressors out of South Korea and accomplish the revolutionary cause of the unification of the fatherland."** The paper also laid emphasis on the words of Premier Kim Il Sung calling for supporting in every way the Vietnamese people in the just resistance war against U.S. imperialism and for national salvation, supporting resolutely the heroic Cuban people in their struggle to safeguard the revolutionary gains and build socialism under the difficult conditions in which they stand face to face with U.S. imperialism and supporting actively the liberation struggle of the peoples of all countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America for freedom and national independence.

## Poland

Polish paper **"Slovo Povsehne"** recently introduced the Political Programme of the DPRK Government. The paper stressed that the recent session of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK manifested unanimous support to the Political Programme announced by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people.

The paper said that Marshal Kim Il Sung announced the great 10-point Political Programme, referring to the successes achieved in the growth of industrial production, development of agriculture, improvement of the people's livelihood, sciences, technique, public health and all other domains of the national economy of the country.

The paper quoted the passages from the Political Programme saying that **"We must accomplish the South Korean revolution and unify the fatherland in our generation and hand down a unified fatherland to the coming generations"** and that **"The Government of the Republic will do all it can to further increase the defence capabilities of the country and build up the defence posture of the whole country and the entire people to cope with the obtaining situation."**

## Ceylon

The Jan. 9 issue of the Ceylonese paper "Sun" carried a gist of the Political Programme of the DPRK Government. The paper also carried respectfully a portrait of Premier Kim Il Sung.

Introducing the historic Government Political Programme of Premier Kim Il Sung, an embodiment of the Workers' Party of Korea's great ideas of *Juche* and revolutionary spirit of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence, the paper laid particular emphasis on the following passages: **"The Government of the Republic will implement with all consistency the line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence to consolidate the political independence of the country, build up more solidly the foundations of an independent national economy capable of ensuring the complete unification, independence and prosperity of our nation, and to increase the country's defence capabilities so as to safeguard the security of the fatherland reliably by our own force, by splendidly embodying our Party's ideas of Juche in all fields."**

# *KPA Navy Captures U.S. Armed Spy Ship*

## For Its Hostile Acts in DPRK Territorial Waters

PYONGYANG, Jan. 23 (KCNA)—Thrown into a complete discomfiture by the activities of armed guerrillas rapidly intensifying of late in South Korea, the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet traitors are harshly suppressing the people by issuing the so-called "emergency mobilization orders" all over South Korea and letting loose hundreds of thousands of U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and puppet military police, while becoming more frantic in provocative manoeuvres along the Military Demarcation Line and the eastern and western coasts.

The U.S. imperialist aggressor troops which went into a fit of frenzy after armed guerrillas mounted a surprise attack on the enemy in the heart of Seoul, sending cold shivers down the spines of the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet traitors, fired thousands of shells and bullets into the area of our side on the ground from the night of Jan. 22, while infiltrating a U.S. army armed spy ship into our coastal waters up to the sea off Wonsan to commit a grave provocative act.

What a shameless, death bed frenzy of the aggressors!

Our naval craft on routine duty captured the armed ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army and all the aggressors aboard, resolutely putting down the resistance of these hateful U.S. imperialist provocateurs.

However wild the U.S. imperialists and Pak Jung Hi traitorous puppet clique may run, they will be totally crushed each time in face of the water tight defences of the heroic Korean People's Army, and neither war racket nor suppression will be able to put down the anti-U.S., anti-puppet struggle of the patriotic South Korean people fiercely raging like a prairie fire. (See related articles on page 3, 4)

# Armed Unit Battles Puppet Police in Seoul,

## *Kills Puppet Police Station Chief, Others, near Pak Jung Hi's Blue House*

According to press reports from Seoul, a small armed unit consisting of many personnel made its appearance in the heart of Seoul and fought a fierce battle with the puppet police unit from the night of Jan. 21 till the early morning of Jan. 22.

This small armed unit marched into the centre of the city from outside the Jahamoon Gate in Sekumjung on the outskirts of the city at around 10 in the night of Jan. 21. When they came near the back gate of the Kyungbok Middle School in Chungwoon *dong*, villainous policemen of the puppet police-box there blocked the road. They shouted, "We are official personnel!" and marched into the city.

The small armed unit marched up to 500 metres away from "Chungwadai," the lair of traitor Pak Jung Hi, and exchanged fierce fire with the puppet police unit and special service unit detailed there posthaste by the Pak Jung Hi clique.

The fierce battle lasted for several hours till the early morning of Jan 22. The small armed unit finished off the puppet Jongro Police Station chief who was pouncing upon frenziedly, commanding the police combat unit, and killed or wounded scores of puppet policemen and stooges.

It also destroyed with hand-grenades 4 military vehicles mobilized there.

Frightened by this, the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique held "emergency meetings" of the puppet military bosses several times from the early morning of Jan. 22, while frantically issuing an "emergency mobilization order," calling in the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops, two puppet army divisions and one battle group, tens of thousands strong, for the so called "search operation" and flying helicopters in the sky above Seoul for "air search."

On the other hand, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique extended the "curfew" set between 12 in the night and four in the morning to seven in the afternoon to six in the morning and are banning the traffic of people, combing the whole city and rounding up guiltless inhabitants at random.

Stricken with fear, traitor Pak Jung Hi hurriedly threw two-fold, three fold guard around his den by mobilizing a large number of armed personnel.

The heroic struggle of the South Korean people for overthrowing the Pak Jung Hi clique, traitors to the nation, who sold off the country and the nation to the U.S. and Japanese imperialists, is gaining further momentum with each passing day.

# Marshal Kim Il Sung Is Founder of People's Army

The 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army is approaching.

The whole country is overflowing with emotion over meeting the 20th birthday of its army.

The commanders who marched in the ranks of the glorious first parade the people who extended enthusiastic congratulations to these glorious ranks are looking back upon the emotional day when the first ranks of the Korean People's Army marched across the bright square of the liberated fatherland, holding the fixed bayonets.

On Feb. 8, 1948! : When the first ranks of parade of the People's Army passed before Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our people, the hearts of the people swelled with national pride and joy, and confidence in their strength. Seeing their first regular army, the people shouted again and again, tears of emotion rolling down their cheeks:

"Long live General Kim Il Sung!"

"Long live the Korean People's Army!"

We have General Kim Il Sung, the ever victorious, iron willed commander and our respected and beloved leader!

The hearts of our people were filled with warm feelings, who had been downtrodden and maltreated, having been deprived of the country by the Japanese imperialist robbers and who desired to become a full fledged, independent nation with its genuine army at the earliest date after the Liberation.

Tears of emotion glistened in the eyes of the anti Japanese fighters who were leading the contingents in the parade.

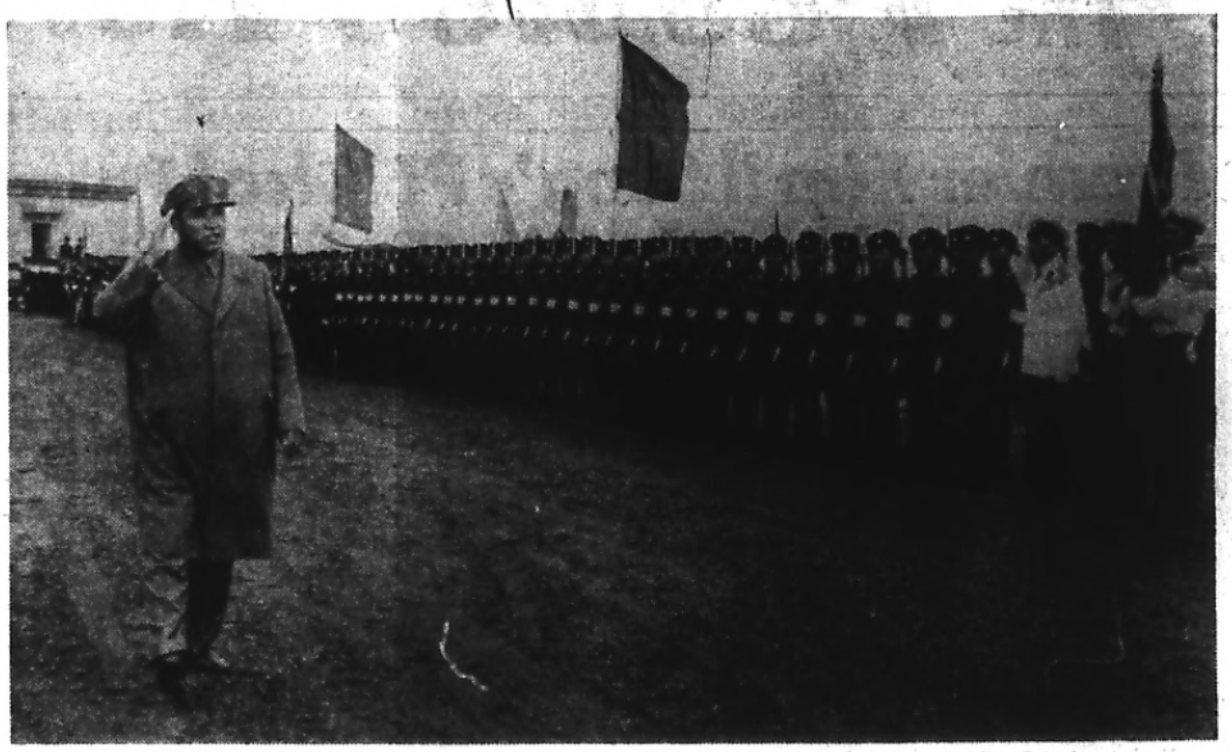
The traces of march through snow storms for 15 years under the leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung could be seen on the uniform of the fighters.

It was on Feb 8, 1948 that the Korean People's Army was founded, but it had begun firmly setting its historic roots already in the 1930's.

From the high reviewing rostrum Marshal Kim Il Sung said: "... **Though our People's Army is founded today as a regular army of democratic Korea, in reality its historical roots date far back. It is a glorious army inheriting the revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese guerrilla warfare, the valuable fighting experience gained and the indomitable patriotic spirit displayed in it.**"

Early in the 1930's when the destiny of the Korean nation was at stake, Marshal Kim Il Sung personally organized the anti Japanese armed units, setting forth the correct line that the struggle for the independence and liberation of the fatherland should be combined with the struggle of the workers and peasants for social emancipation and it must be the anti Japanese armed struggle relying on standing armed forces. And he guided the struggle for 15 years. The anti Japanese armed struggle waged for 15 years against the formidable enemy one million strong, in its encirclement, without power or rear and relying only on the revolutionary people, was an arduous struggle without precedent in the world.

The 15 years, in which the anti-Japanese armed guerrillas lived and fought in accordance with the ideas of the Leader and with the revolutionary will under the slogan "Let us beat the enemy, even if we die one hundred deaths!" From the days when arms were wrested from the enemy with sickles and hammers and the first armed units were formed, were embroidered with immortal exploits and glorious and brilliant feats.



**Marshal Kim Il Sung reviewing the guard of honor of the three services of the Korean People's Army**

And in this course were established the system of Marxist-Leninist ideology—boundless fidelity to the Leader, ideas of *Juche* and indomitable revolutionary spirit, socialist patriotism, proletarian internationalism and so forth—and the revolutionary methods of work and popular style of work.

It is boundless happiness and pride for the Korean people and the People's Army to possess these brilliant revolutionary traditions which were created in the course of the glorious anti Japanese armed struggle and have very rich and powerful content.

Therein lies the source of strength, wisdom and glory of us who have grown from its strong root and inherited its traditions and cause.

It is Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the 40 million Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever victorious, iron-willed commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working class movement, who guided the anti Japanese struggle for 15 years and who founded and reared the Korean People's Army in this liberated land.

The situation of our country was complicated after the Liberation.

When the liberated Korean people seized the power in their hands, under the leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader, the enemy who lost it whetted a dagger of revenge and the U.S. imperialist aggressors who had coveted our country from over 100 years ago, occupied South Korea, and made desperate efforts to subjugate the entire Korean people. And the anti Party, counter-revolutionary factional elements ran wild with sinister ambition in league with the enemy.

Marshal Kim Il Sung put forth the line of establishing a revolutionary democratic base, with scientific foresight and wise resources.

A regular army had to be founded to implement this line on turning the northern half of the Republic into a powerful revolutionary base for the unification and independence of the fatherland consolidated politically, economically and militarily, for powerfully pushing ahead with our revolution.

The ensuing developments of situation eloquently proved that the revolutionary lines on building the revolutionary democratic base and people's armed forces put forth by Marshal Kim Il Sung were the genius, scientific and solely just road.

It was thanks to the timely founding of the People's Army by Marshal Kim Il Sung that our people could firmly defend the democratic gains and guarantee the development of our revolution even under the condition in which the aggressive manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism became undisguised.

The course of the founding of the People's Army was another brilliant realisation of the immovable ideas of *Juche* and princpile of self-defence of Marshal Kim Il Sung that the victory of the Korean revolution should be guaranteed by its own powerful armed forces.

Marshal Kim Il Sung said:

**"Our people can neither remain mere onlookers at this policy of national division of U.S. imperialism and its stooges, nor can we wait for any one to give us independence and organize an army for us. ...The Korean people must organize their army on their own, thereby promoting the building of a unified, independent and democratic fatherland."**

This is the revolutionary ideas and revolutionary principle which Marshal Kim Il Sung has consistently adhered to from the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

Our People's Army was born in good time as powerful revolutionary regular armed forces, thanks to the inspiring force of the great ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung and his direct solicitude and guidance.

Coping with in person all the questions arising in the building of the people's armed forces, Marshal Kim Il Sung directly solved the complex problems and assigned almost all the cadres tempered in the flames of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, in the first place, for the preparation of the founding of the People's Army, though prepared cadres were urgently needed in the Party, Government and cultural organs.

He reared military and political cadres by founding the Pyongyang School and Defence Cadres School and brought up with far-seeing wisdom the backbone units of the People's Army by organizing defence training courses and gave personal teachings on the organization and equipment of the army and its management and education down to the organization of life of the soldiers.

The Korean People's Army which has directly inherited the glorious revolutionary traditions established in the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle was born thus and has grown into invincible ranks.

The Korean People's Army—this glorious name is associated with the lofty will, noble revolutionary ideas and love of Marshal Kim Il Sung and with the deep trust, respect and aspiration of the 40 million Korean people.

Marshal Kim Il Sung said: **"The army we have founded today is a genuine people's army, organized with the sons and daughters of the Korean working people, including workers and peasants. It fights for the liberation and independence of the Korean nation and for the happiness of the masses against the imperialist aggressive forces from abroad and the reactionary forces at home."**

It was thanks to the existence of the indomitable Korean People's Army under the great leadership of the Leader that we could repulse the aggression of U.S. imperialism and its stooges and win a historic victory.

Today the Korean People's Army has grown into a cadre army, each man capable of tackling one hundred enemies.

Korea is an impregnable fortress defended by the Korean People's Army which is under the outstanding leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the ever-victorious, iron-willed commander, and which is formed with anti-Japanese guerrillas and experienced commanders who took part in founding the army right after the Liberation as its backbone and with those who were tempered in the flames of the Patriotic War of Liberation, an impregnable fortress where the entire people with the People's Army as the core have risen up with arms in hands.

If the U.S. imperialists recklessly pounce upon us, the Korean People's Army and the entire people will crush them and accomplish the cause of the unification of the fatherland.

(KCNA)

## 261st MAC Meeting Held over Capture of U.S. Armed Spy Ship

# Korean Side Strongly Protests Against U.S. Aggressive Acts

KAESONG, Jan. 24 (KCNA)—The 261st Meeting of the Military Armistice Commission was held today in Panmunjom.

At the meeting our side strongly protested to the enemy side against the fact that the U.S. imperialist aggressors are running wild in new war provocation manoeuvres, ever more unscrupulously perpetrating vicious military provocations in the Demilitarized Zone and in the coastal waters of our side at a time when the South Korean armed guerrillas, in the wake of marching up to "Chungwadai" in the heart of Seoul and sending cold shivers down the spines of the U.S. imperialists and the puppet traitors, are launching fierce surprise attacks in Seoul and other parts of South Korea for wiping out the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique and achieving the unification of the country and the nation, and called the enemy side to account for its provocations.

According to the statement made by Maj. Gen. Pak Joong Kook, senior member of our side, at the meeting, the enemy perpetrated the provocative act of firing scores of shells into the portion of our side in the DMZ from 105 mm howitzers between 22 hours 30 minutes and 23 hours on Jan. 22 and firing over 2,220 rounds of ammunition on six occasions into the portion of our side in the DMZ from light machine guns and other automatic rifles illegally introduced into the DMZ between Jan. 21 and 23.

Besides, the U.S. imperialist aggressors committed the provocative act of firing over 2,450 bullets on 16 occasions in the DMZ in three days from Jan. 21.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors are continuously perpetrating vicious, reckless military provocations against our side not only on the ground but on the sea.

According to the protest and denunciation of Maj. Gen. Pak Joong Kook, the U.S. imperialist aggressors, despite the repeated protests and warnings of our side, again carried out the provocative act of illegally infiltrating into the coastal waters of our side in the East Sea over 400 South Korean fishing boats including army spy boats on four occasions between Jan. 21 and 24. The enemies who had ceaselessly dispatched naval vessels to openly shell the coastal area of our side and used even South Korean fishermen as a shield for their aggressive acts perpetrated the most naked and grave aggressive act of infiltrating an armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army on Jan. 23 into the coastal waters of our side.

According to the statement of Maj. Gen. Pak Joong Kook, that day the spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army equipped with various weapons and arms and facilities needed for espionage activities intruded into the coastal waters of our side up to the point 39 degrees 17.4 minutes N.L. and 127 degrees 46.9 minutes E.L. off the Wonsan Port and perpetrated provocative acts.

Vessels of our heroic Navy which were on routine patrol duty in the coastal waters of our side returned the fire of the piratic gang who put up a resistance and killed or wounded several U.S. imperialist aggressor troops, captured alive over 80 of them and seized the warship of over 1,000 tons together with the anti-aircraft machine guns installed in it and scores of shooting weapons, tens of thousands of rounds of ammunition and hand grenades and quantities of arms and equipment for espionage activities.

Maj. Gen. Pak Joong Kook bitterly pointed out that such vicious military provocations of the U.S. imperialist aggressors are a most outright aggressive act linked with the aggressive war policy of the U.S. imperialists of further aggravating tension and provoking a new aggressive war in Korea, and an open, unpardonable challenge to the Korean people.

Maj. Gen. Pak Joong Kook also condemned this act as a most heinous provocative act surpassing all the provocations committed by the enemy in the coastal waters of our side since the Armistice Agreement and a more sinister, undisguised provocative scheme of the U.S. imperialist aggressors to suppress and put down with the aggressive war clamours the spirit of the anti-U.S., national salvation struggle which is ever mounting among the people in South Korea.

Maj. Gen. Pak Joong Kook strongly demanded the enemy side to make an apology to our side for the above-mentioned outright aggressive act perpetrated by the U.S. imperialist aggressors in gross violation of the Armistice Agreement despite the repeated protests and warnings of our side, severely punish the prime movers who organized and directed the criminal act and all the criminals involved in it in accordance with the requirement of the Armistice Agreement and guarantee against the recurrence of similar provocative and aggressive acts.

## Nat'l Defence Minister Greets Navymen

PYONGYANG, Jan. 24 (KCNA)—General Kim Chang Bong, Minister of National Defence, warmly greeted the soldiers of the naval unit of the Korean People's Army who meted out a stern punishment to the U.S. imperialist aggressors who are engrossed in new war provocation manoeuvres by capturing the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army and all of the aggressors on board the ship who were perpetrating outright provocative acts after intruding into the sea off Wonsan, the coastal waters of the northern half of the Republic, on Jan. 23.

General Kim Chang Bong laid stress on further heightening revolutionary vigilance and militant strain and maintaining a fully prepared posture for resolutely smashing any vicious provocative machinations of the enemy under the acute situation in which the U.S. imperialist aggressors, driven into utter confusion in face of the ever intensified activities of the armed guerrillas in all parts of South Korea, are further stepping up reckless provocative manoeuvres along the Military Demarcation Line and in the eastern and western coastal areas.

# Captured Captain of U.S. Armed Spy Ship Confesses to Crime

PYONGYANG, Jan. 24 (KCNA)—Lloyd Mark Bucher, Captain of the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army which was captured by naval vessels of the Korean People's Army while perpetrating hostile acts after illegally infiltrating into the coastal waters of our side on Jan. 23, admitted the espionage activities the U.S. imperialist aggressors committed.

Follows his confession:

I am Commander Lloyd Mark Bucher, Captain of "USS Pueblo" belonging to the Pacific Fleet U.S. Navy, who was captured while carrying out espionage activities after intruding deep into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

My serial number is 58215401. I was born in Pocatello, Idaho, U.S.A. I am 38 years old.

The crew of our "USS Pueblo" are 83 in all including five officers besides me, 75 servicemen and two civilians.

My ship had been sent to Sasebo, Japan, to execute assignments given by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

On December 2 last, we received assignments at the Port of Sasebo from Rear Admiral Frank A. Johnson, U.S. Navy Commander in Japan, to conduct military espionage activities on the Far Eastern region of the Soviet Union and then on the off-shore areas and coastal areas of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

**Captain Lloyd Mark Bucher of the captured armed spy ship Pueblo writing a confession, admitting the criminal hostile acts of the U.S. imperialists against the DPRK**

My ship had conducted espionage activities on a number of occasions for the purpose of detecting the territorial waters of the socialist countries.

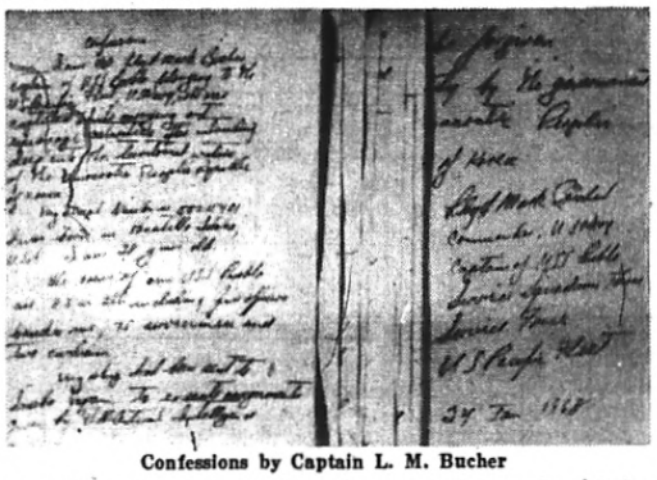
Through such espionage activities, my ship detected the military installations set up along the coasts of the socialist countries and submitted the materials to the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Recently, we were given another important mission by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, that is, to detect the areas along the Far East of the Soviet Union and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency promised me that if this task would be done successfully, a lot of dollars would be offered to the whole crew members of my ship and particulary I myself would be honoured.

Soon after that I reinforced the arms and equipment of the ship and made detailed preparations for espionage activities.

Then we disguised my ship as one engaged in researches on oceanic electronics and left the Port of Sasebo, Japan, and conducted espionage acts along the coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea via the general area off the Soviet Maritime Province. We pretended ourselves to conduct the observation of oceanic conditions on high seas, electronics, research on electric waves, magnetic conditions and exploitation of oceanic materials.



**Confessions by Captain L. M. Bucher**

It was on January 16, 1968 that we entered the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea via the Soviet Maritime Province.

In accordance with the instructions we had received my ship was on the utmost alert and observed and ascertained the depth of water, current, water temperature, sea basin, salt condensity and water transparency of the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with radars and various kinds of observatory instruments in a clandestine manner at Chongjin Wonsan and several other points, and detected the radar network, accommodation capacities of the ports, the number of the incoming and outgoing vessels and manoeuvrability of the naval vessels of the Korean People's Army.

Furthermore we spied on various military installations and the distribution of industries and the deployment of armed forces along the east coast areas and sailed up to the point 7.6 miles off Ryudo (39 degrees 17.4 minutes N., 127 degrees 46.9 minutes E.) when the navy patrol crafts of the Korean People's Army appeared.

We were on the alert instantly and tried to escape, firing at the navy patrol crafts of the People's Army.

But the situation became more dangerous for us and thus one of my men was killed, another heavily wounded and two others lightly wounded.

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# CHONGRYUN Condemns U.S. War Provocations

**Han Duk Su, Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (CHONGRYUN), spoke to the press on Jan. 26 at the Korean Hall in the heart of Tokyo, in connection with the capture of the "USS Pueblo," the armed spy ship of the war-maniac U.S. imperialists by the naval crafts of the heroic Korean People's Army.**

**The Korean People's Army Navy captured in self-defence on Jan. 23 the "USS Pueblo," the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialists which illegally intruded into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and committed hostile acts against the DPRK.**

**Present at the press conference were reporters of major Japanese dailies, radio and TV stations and correspondents of other foreign newspapers and news agencies including Tass, AFP and the French National Broadcasting Corporation.**

**Representing the CHONGRYUN CSC, Chairman Han Duk Su issued a statement, denouncing the aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists against the DPRK.**

**The full text of the statement is as follows:**

The criminal machinations of the U.S. imperialists to provoke a new war in Korea are now reaching the extreme

The U.S. imperialist aggressors on Jan. 23 infiltrated the armed spy ship into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and committed grave provocative acts This is a flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, a serious infringement upon the sovereignty of the DPRK and a new war provocative act.

The naval crafts of the Korean People's Army on routine patrol duty captured the armed spy ship and all its crew aboard, putting down the resistance of the U.S. imperialist war provocateurs.

The seizure of the armed spy vessel which intruded deep into the territorial waters of the DPRK and committed hostile and provocative acts is an excellent expression of the sovereignty of the DPRK and its justified self defence measure.

As the Captain of the captured "U.S. Navy intelligence collecting auxiliary ship" confessed, they, on the instructions of the American Central Intelligence Agency, spied for a long time on the radar network, harbour facilities, maneuverability of naval vessels and so on, on the sea off Korea and along its coastal areas and committed piratic aggressive acts after intruding deep into the territorial waters of Korea.

The U.S. imperialists are madly spreading the false impression that the "USS Pueblo" was captured in the international waters, in a bid to conceal their criminal aggressive acts, but the confession of the Captain of the captured Pueblo eloquently tells that their attempts are shameless and treacherous.

Now, the Johnson gang is noisily and frantically dispatching a naval force headed by the aircraft carrier Enterprise onto the sea off Wonsan to commit new provocations, calling up reserves, moving jet fighter-bombers from Okinawa to South Korea and is making the South Korean puppet army impose an emergency mobilization system on the whole of South Korea.

These facts are clear proof of the fact that the U.S. imperialists are the principal source of aggression, war-igniter and the most vicious enemy of the Korean people and the peace loving people of the world. It is never casual that today the U.S. imperialists are making frantic machinations to provoke another war in Korea.

In opposition to the colonial rule and fascist suppression of U.S. imperialism, the South Korean people are further intensifying all forms of national salvation struggle including armed struggle.

Special mention must be made of the fact that on Jan. 21 an armed unit appeared in the heart of Seoul and dealt painful blows to the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique and that armed struggle is now being widely staged in various parts of South Korea. These facts clearly show that the complaints of the South Korean people about the colonial ruling system of U.S. imperialism are reaching the extremities.

The U.S. imperialists are attempting to suppress the anti-U.S., national salvation struggle of the South Korean people and to find a way out in new war provocations from their crisis in Vietnam and other parts of Asia.

They are glaringly trampling underfoot the Korean Armistice Agreement and further stepping up their provocative acts against the northern half of the Republic, while more strengthening their fascist oppression of the South Korean people.

In the past year alone the U.S. imperialists infiltrated naval vessels and armed spy ships into the territorial waters of the DPRK on 140 occasions to commit provocative acts.

In particular during about one month from the end of last December to early January this year, they infiltrated over 5,400 armed spy ships and South Korean fishing boats on 24 occasions into the territorial waters of the northern half of the DPRK to perpetrate numerous criminal provocative acts.

As is already widely known, in January last year the enemy escort boat No. 56 which intruded into the territorial waters of our country and committed provocative acts was sunk by the self-defence measure of our side.

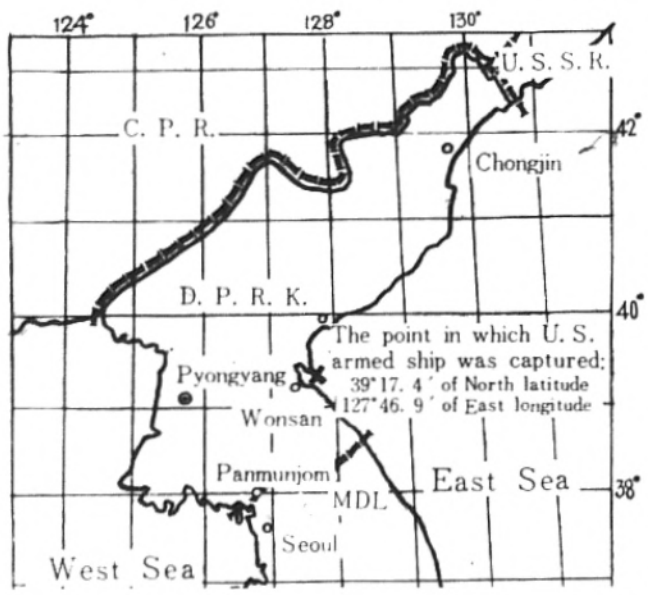
Moreover, during last year alone, they poured on 540 occasions 125,000 bullets and 1,270 shells into the portion of the northern half of the Republic across the Military Demarcation Line. These facts indicate what criminal machinations the U.S. imperialists are making to aggravate tension in Korea and provoke another war.

Now, the U.S. imperialists are bluffing a certain "retaliatory measure," running amuck to whitewash their criminal acts, as a threatening robber does, but however wild they may run, they can never blackmail the Korean people.

The Korean people, rallied rock-firm around Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, are fully prepared to repel any aggressors. The U.S. imperialists will never be able to escape from the bitterer denunciation of the peace-loving people the world over for their war provocative acts and brigandish logic, and if they ignite a reckless war, their ruin will be only hastened.

The U.S. imperialists must stop all their reckless criminal war provocative acts, get out of South Korea, taking all their lethal weapons, without loss of time.

All the 600,000 Korean citizens in Japan, together with the people in their fatherland, will wage a powerful struggle to oppose the new war provocative machinations of the U.S. imperialists and promote the independent unification of the fatherland.



**The naval vessels of the heroic Korean People's Army captured on Jan. 23 the "USS Pueblo" of the U.S. imperialist aggressors who illegally intruded deep into the territorial waters of the DPRK and perpetrated the hostile acts.**

## *More Report on "Pueblo" Capture*

PYONGYANG, Jan. 24 (KCNA)—The U.S. imperialist aggressor army which is becoming all the more frenzied in its moves to ignite another war in Korea, committed a premeditated hostile act by infiltrating an armed ship into the coastal waters of our side in the East Sea up to the point 39 degrees 17. 4 minutes of North Latitude and 127 degrees 46. 9 minutes of East Longitude on Jan. 23.

Our naval ships which encountered it while out in the sea on their patrol duty returned the fire of the piratic gang who put up an arrogant resistance after intruding deep into the coastal waters of our fatherland and killed or wounded several U.S. imperialist aggressor troops, captured alive over 80 of them and seized the warship of over 1,000 tons together with the anti-aircraft machine guns installed in it and scores of shooting weapons, tens of thousands of rounds of ammunition and hand grenades and quantities of arms and equipment for espionage activities.

This vicious provocative act of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army is the most odious provocation ever committed by it since the armistice which goes beyond the case of intrusion of escort craft No. 56 which was sunk at one stroke when it intruded into the coastal waters of our side in January 1967 and all the provocative acts perpetrated by it every day in the East Sea of late, and it is a more sinister and open provocative act of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army intended to suppress and stifle with an aggressive war racket the spirits of the anti-U.S., national salvation struggle of the people which are mounting higher as the days go by in South Korea.

If the U.S. imperialists and the traitorous Pak Jung Hi puppets persist in their reckless provocations, the heroic Korean People's Army which is prepared as ever-victorious revolutionary armed forces, each man a match for 100 enemies, in cooperation with the entire Korean people, will wipe out the aggressors at one blow at any time.

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We had no way out, and were captured by the naval patrol crafts of the People's Army.

Having been captured now, I say frankly that our act was a criminal act which flagrantly violated the Armistice Agreement, and it was a sheer act of aggression.

For the purpose of disguising the activities of my ship throughout the whole period of espionage activities, we used cunning methods, namely, we did not hoist the U.S. flag and sailed at the highest speed when running out of the territorial waters after the espionage activities having intruded into the territorial waters from high seas.

I have no excuse whatsoever for my criminal act as my ship intruded deep into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and was captured by the naval patrol crafts of the Korean People's Army in their self-defence action while conducting the criminal espionage activities.

The crime committed by me and by my men is entirely indelible.

I and my crew have perpetrated such grave criminal act, but our parents and wives and children at home are anxiously waiting for us to return home in safe.

Therefore, we only hope, and it is the greatest desire of myself and all my crew, that we will be forgiven leniently by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

### *Increasing Danger of War in Korea*

# U.S. Imperialists Turn DMZ into Battlefield

**"The situation is becoming more tense and the danger of war more and more increasing in our country and the whole of Asia." (Kim Il Sung)**

The artificial Demilitarized Zone, separating Korea into two, has been transformed into a fierce battlefield owing to the ever more undisguised war provocative policy stubbornly pursued by war-maniac U.S. imperialism and its dyed-in-the wool stooges Pak Jung Hi clique against the northern half of the Democratic People's Republic Korea.

So far, conflicts have been confined to the narrow strip of the DMZ by the mighty armed forces of the Korean people, but there is every possibility of these being escalated into a major war of aggression against the Korean people and of the flames of war in Vietnam being expanded to Korea by U.S. imperialism.

The U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique hope that another war in Korea will solve all their fatal crisis but they are completely wrong.

In the past year alone, the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi gang recklessly perpetrated more than 8,000 violations of the Military Armistice Agreement against the northern half of the DPRK, a daily average of 23 incidents. Last year, they poured into the portion of the northern half across the DMZ on 540 occasions over 125,000 bullets 15 times those fired from the truce in Korea to September of 1966 and 1,270 shells 91 times the number fired in the same period.

Even heavy tanks and airplanes were called in in their military provocations against the northern half of the DPRK and warships of various types participated in bombarding coastal areas of the northern half.

Furthermore, the treacherous U.S. imperialists and their puppets used thousands of South Korean fishing boats to infiltrate their armed spies into the territorial waters of the northern half.

They tried to justify their provocative acts by trumpeting "the need for countering the threat from Communists" and root out "armed spy activities masterminded by the North" which all proved to be the work of South Korean revolutionaries.

In order to conceal their treacherous military provocative maneuvers, the war-maniac U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique went so far as to obstruct the holding of meetings of the Military Armistice Commission and always paid lip service to the demand of the Korean side for investigating the violations of the armistice agreement.

By madly trying to impose another aggressive and self-destructive war on the Korean people, the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi clique are making their desperate last-ditch efforts to prevent their colonial rule from disintegrating and find a way out from their repeated irretrievable disastrous setbacks in the war of aggression in Vietnam.

The U.S. imperialists and their stooges are running wild to hurl the whole of Korea into warlike conflagrations, not content with only occupying South Korea and hampering the independent unification of Korea.

In January last year the the shore battery of the mighty Korean People's Army was compelled to sink in self-defence the escort ship No. 56 of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi clique when the enemy boat continued to shell the coastal area of the northern half, ignoring the warnings.

Just one year later, they carried out the same hostile acts, without drawing a severe lesson from the sinking of the escort boat No. 56.

The enemy armed vessels, mingling themselves with troops of South Korean fishing boats and accompanied by warships of various types, on Jan. 5 and 11 sneaked into the territorial waters of the northern half on the eastern coast, to carry out provocative acts, ignoring the warnings of the Korean side.

On the two occasions the naval vessels of the DPRK on routine patrol duty immediately detained the enemy boats involved, warning against any future repetition of similar hostile acts.

From Jan. 1 to Jan. 18 on 60 occasions the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique fired over 1,060 bullets across the DMZ into the portion of the northern half.

They committed the hostile act of pouring over 4,580 rounds of ammunition into the portion of the northern half across the DMZ from heavy machine guns and various other automatic weapons illegally introduced into the DMZ on 13 occasions between Jan. 6 to 14.

Playing with fire, the warmonger U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique, from Jan. 1 to 18, illegally moved into the DMZ on 55 occasions six heavy firearms including 57 mm recoilless guns and 128 automatic weapons to install them at their positions, bringing the tension in the area to the grave stage.

In a bid to further strengthen their military buildup in the DMZ in preparations for another self-destructive war in Korea, the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi clique are scheming to stage the so-called "scorched earth operation" in the narrow strip of the DMZ.

According to reports from Seoul, the projected "scorched earth operation" is aimed at burning down all trees and grass on the area along the whole length of the Military Demarcation Line from the western coast to the eastern coast and reducing the area into wasteland and thereby converting the area into position for stepped up military provocations.

As a major move to expand the war setup in South Korea, the U.S. imperialists are planning to bring into South Korea this year 10 odd kinds of military equipment including naval vessels and military aircraft of various purposes and other firearms, disclosed reports from Seoul.

Furthermore, the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique are going to expand harbour facilities in Inchon, Woolsan, Mokpo, Pohang, Ryusoo and other cities so that they may accommodate naval vessels of 8,000 tons to 50,000 tons.

Their mad effort to provoke an aggressive war is seen in conscription plans to drag 80,000 South Korean young people into the puppet army as cheap cannon fodder, besides the annually drafted number.

In a bid to effectively exploit South Korea as a bridgehead for aggression against the northern half and the whole of Asia, they are persistently trying to strengthen the de facto "military alliance against communist threat" among the U.S., South Korea and Japan.

The work on the construction of telecommunication networks are scheduled to be completed by May between Mt. Mooryong of South Korea and Hamada City of Japan.

As a result, the U.S. and the Pak Jung Hi clique are pushing ahead the war preparations with military buildup in South Korea as the core, together with crafty manipulations of public opinion for another war in Korea.

The tense situation thus created in the DMZ and Korea ominously reminds us of the explosive situ tion which existed on the eve of the 1950-53 Patriotic War of Liberation which marked the decline of the once "most powerful" U.S. imperialists. Indeed, the U.S. imperialist aggressors suffered their first catastrophic defeat in their

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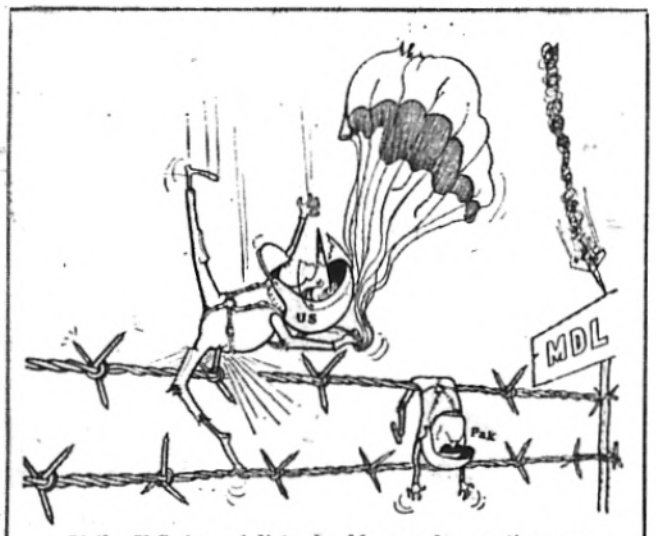



**If the U.S. imperialists should provoke another war of aggression...**

*After returning from North*

## S. Korean Fishermen Suppressed

The puppet police authorities at Sokcho in the eastern coast on Jan. 9 arrested 12 South Korean fishermen on charges of violating the "National Security Law and the Anti-Communist Law," according to reports from Seoul.

On the following day, the puppet prosecutor's office at Taigoo, the capital of North Kyongsang Province, arrested two South Korean fishermen on the same charges.

The puppet Kosung Police Station detained 52 fishermen on charges of violating the "Fisheries Law" and brutally persecuting them under the pretext of investigation.

All the arrested are fishermen who returned recently to their native place after being warmly protected and treated in the northern half of the Republic.

The U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique madly attempted to stop the exposure of the phony "anti-communist" propaganda against the northern half of the DPRK which they are spreading and the exposure of the vicious nature of their colonial rule and their war policy through the mouths of these South Korean fishermen who saw with their own eyes the daily prospering and developing socialist system in the northern half.

## *Pusan Office Functions Paralyzed*

Pusan, a port city of the southern tip of South Korea was now hit by people's struggles, according to reports from the city.

Over 5,500 railway workers at the city who had been fighting for wage hike from the end of last year, together with the entire railway workers in other parts of the country, decided on Jan. 13 to call a strike, entering the latter half of January.

In close coordination with their struggle, over 3,000 workers of clothing factories in the city are also fighting in demand of pay increase and conclusion of collective contract. They decided to call a general strike in case the management of the enterprises refuses to accept their demand till around Jan. 20.

Another struggle was being waged by over 160 workers at hotels in the city, opposing mass dismissal.

Over 600 Pusan citizens stormed on Jan. 16 the Pusan "City Hall" and reduced the "office functions" in the city to a state of complete paralysis, said a report reaching here from the city.

Defying police suppression, they waged a sit-in struggle in the "city hall," and kept up their struggle until Jan. 17, added the report.

The report also said, the 600 South Koreans demanded the puppet clique give up at once their plan to remove their plank hovels and drive them out onto the street in inclement winter season.

Another group of over 3,000 households in the city was reportedly working out a letter to be presented to the puppet city authorities, demanding an immediate stop to forcible removal of their shanties.

Behind the struggle of the South Korean people for existence and democracy is their increasing opposition to the policies of aggression and war and harsh plunder by the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique and their unquenchable desire to down the colonial puppet "regime" in South Korea, giving rise to fear of "the April crisis" among the puppet ruling class.

# Pyongyang Rally Condemns Jap. Side's Schemes over Repatriation

## Korean Rally Here Demands Unconditionally Guaranteed Repatriation

Over 3,000 Korean citizens in Japan packed on Jan. 17 a Central Meeting of Koreans in Japan held in the Kyoritsu Hall, Kanda, Tokyo, to denounce the scheme of the Japanese authorities to disrupt the current Korea Japan Red Cross talks at Colombo the capital of Ceylon.

The big mass rally started with a chorus of the "Song of General Kim Il Sung."

With firm loyalty to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people who always extends deep paternal solicitude to Korean citizens in this alien country, the Korean attendants renewed the determination to resolutely safeguard their route of repatriation to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, their genuine fatherland where Marshal Kim Il Sung lives, in the mass rally with a big portrait of the Leader hung respectfully on the wall behind the platform.

The Koreans here who upheld the great 10 point Political Programme of the DPRK Government announced by the Leader were firmly convinced of final victory because they knew well that they were guided by the sagacious leader Marshal Kim Il Sung.

They thought that the safe defense of their righ' to repatriation would lead to promoting the independent unification of their fatherland.

The current Colombo Korea Japan Red Cross talks are aimed at ensuring for Korean citizens here a smooth, continued repatriation to the homeland.

However, the Japanese authorities are resorting to all available methods to destroy the repatriation work, a humanitarian work, and rupture the Colombo talks.

All the Korean attendants condemned with surging national indignation the treacherous schemes of the Japanese authorities at the Colombo talks and demanded them immediately stop their obstructionist maneuvers against the repatriation work.

The meeting hall was swept over by surging national indignation at the unwarranted attitude of the Japanese authorities.

Present at the mass rally were leading functionaries of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (CHONGRYUN).

Many Japanese people in all walks of life took part in the mass rally to support the just struggle of the Korean citizens in this country.

Li Kye Baik, Chairman of the Committee for Measures for Repatriation of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, delivered a report to the mass meeting.

PYONGYANG, Jan. 12 (KCNA)—A Pyongyang City mass rally exposing and denouncing the moves of the reactionary Government of Japan to scuttle the Colombo Korea-Japan Red Cross talks was held last evening at the Moranbong Theatre.

The meeting hall was packed to capacity with working people, youths and students as well as returnees from Japan who came to the rally with surging indignation at the crimes of the reactionary Sato clique who perpetrated base, perfidious acts, a precedent of which can hardly be seen in the history of any international talks.

Kang Ryang Wook, vice-President of the Presidium of the SPA and Presidium Member of the Central Committee of the United Democratic Fatherland Front and vice-Chairman of the Committe for the Peaceful Unification of the Fatherland, made a speech at the rally.

Pointing to the fact that the Sato clique of Japan are now trying ever more frantically to rupture the Colombo Korea-Japan Red Cross talks, the speaker branded this high-handed attitude of the Japanese reactionaries as an unpardonable act designed to upset the whole course of the talks and finally break up the talks, completely discarding the mask of "humanitarianism," a shameless act of perfidy, a precedent of which can hardly be seen in any international talks and as a brazenfaced, indiscreet act of defying human reason.

He stressed: The new weighty turning point measures proposed by the delegation of the DPRK Red Cross Society at the first-day session of the Colombo talks are most fair and aboveboard, reasonable measures run through with consistent, unbounded paternal solicitude and warm compatriotic love of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the 40 million Korean people, for the Korean compatriots in Japan.

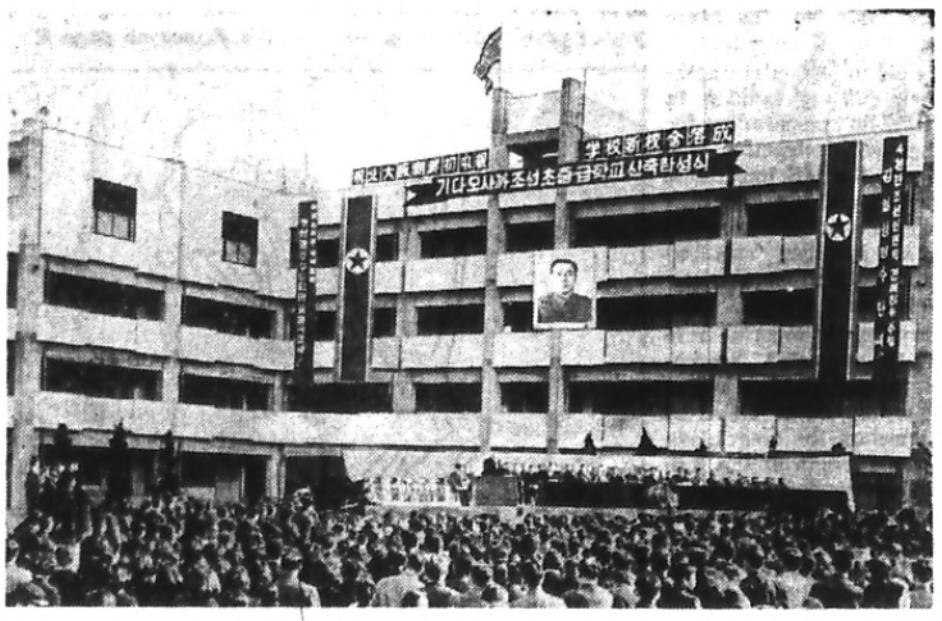
He went on:

With no amount of sophistry or crafty tricks can the Japanese reactionaries veil their true colour as the heinous foe of humanitarianism, wanton violator of international law and international practice and vicious challenger to the Korean people and the progressive people of the whole world

The Korean people today are a great people who under the sagacious leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, have firmly seized power in their hands and solidly built up an advanced, socialist system and have turned the whole land into an invulnerable fortress, placed the entire people under arms and possess an invincible might capable of crushing any invasion of the enemy at a stroke.

If the Japanese militarists, not looking straight at this stark reality, recklessly pounce upon us, the Korean people who have a deep-rooted rancor against them will take a hundred-fold, a thousand-fold revenge upon them and bury the aggressive forces of Japanese militarism as well as U.S. imperialism.

## 2 Korean Schools Built Here



**Two big Korean schools were built in Osaka and Kyushu thanks to the deep paternal love extended by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, for Korean children in Japan as a manifestation of his ideas of *Juche* and of education in this alien country.**

**Korean people in Osaka saw on Jan. 14 the 85,000,000 yen ferrous-concrete four-storeyed buildings of Kitaosaka Korean Primary-Middle School stand splendidly with a floor space of 676 square metres, shown above.**

**Another school is the 150,000,000 yen ferrous-concrete four storeyed buildings of Kitakyushu Korean Primary-Middle School located in Kitakyushu City, Kyushu.**

**It has a floor space of 713 square metres.**

## Colombo Red Cross Talks at Deadlock

KCNA dispatches from Colombo said, the Colombo Korea-Japan Red Cross talks have so far made no progress and remain at a standstill.

According to the reports, a session of the Korea-Japan Red Cross talks was held on Jan. 12 for discussing the question of the repatriation of Korean citizens in Japan who wish to be repatriated to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, their genuine fatherland where Marshal Kim Il Sung lives.

At the session the Korean side once again strongly demanded the Japanese side give up its unreasonable stand and comply with the fair and reasonable proposals of the Korean side.

But, the Japanese side, putting up absurd sophistry and excuse, obstinately clung to its untenable stand evidently aimed at making the repatriation operation virtually impossible, bringing the talks to a deadlock.

At the Jan. 13 session of the talks the Japanese side unhesitatingly perpetrated the perfidious act of flouting the talks, denying what it said on the preceding day and playing with words only to deny the following day again, opposed drawing up an agreed document on the result of the talks and declined all responsibility, merely making empty talks, said dispatches of the KCNA from Colombo.

The head of the DPRK Red Cross Society delegation denounced the Japanese side's obstructionist acts and strongly demanded the Japanese side give up its unreasoanble stand and agree to the proposals made by the Korean side.

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history of aggression.

The situation is such that any provocative act on the part of U.S. imperialism and the Pak Jung Hi clique may cause a full-scale war of aggression against the Korean people at any moment, which will envelop the whole of Asia with the flames of war.

The enemies are now inescapably bogged down in their aggressive war in Vietnam, dealt deadly blows in battle after battle, and the revolutionary struggle of the South Korean people is relentlessly moving toward the unification of Korea, undermining the colonial rule of the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique.

The U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique hope that another war will solve all their plaguing troubles, but they are completely wrong.

The impregnable defence system of the Korean people is capable of deterring any type of aggression which the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges may launch against the Korean people.

The revolutionary armed forces of the Korean people are fully prepared to kick the U.S. imperialist aggressors out of South Korea and unify the divided fatherland, should they unleash another war of aggression.

The Korean people are guided by and rock-firm rallied around Marshal Kim Il Sung, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed commander, one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working-class movement and the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korea people, and are assured of final victory.

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